

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roddy M. Bullock on September 18, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12; After ^{INC}life 9, delete lines 10 – 15 and insert:

- c. wherein said relatively hydrophilic web comprises a spunbond nonwoven web;
- d. wherein the first side of the topsheet comprises a plurality of discrete tufts comprising fibers from said spunbond nonwoven web, a plurality of said fibers of said tufts being looped fibers such that said looped fibers begin and end at said relatively hydrophilic nonwoven web; and --

In claim 19, After line 6, delete lines 7 – 12 and insert:

- b. said relatively hydrophilic carded nonwoven web comprises tufts, said tufts comprising looped fibers such that said looped fibers begin and end at said relatively hydrophilic carded nonwoven web;
- c. said tufts of said relatively hydrophilic carded nonwoven web extending through said first relatively hydrophobic web, thereby being disposed on both sides of said topsheet; and --

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